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COMPOSITION FOR MINERAL FIBERS**
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This application corresponds to International (PCT) Application No. PCT/EP03/07597, filed July 14, 2003. An International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER), dated June 11, 2004, and an International Search Report (ISR) dated September 17, 2003, for the underlying PCT application identified the references listed on Form PTO/SB/08A, namely,

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International Publication No. WO 00/39212 and German Patent No. DE 100 18 936 A1. Copies of the IPER and ISR are enclosed.

In the IPER, the PCT Examiner has concluded that claims 1-16 meet the international standards of patentability. In particular, the Examiner states that:

“...none of the prior art contains a hint of an aqueous binder composition and said prior art points away from the present invention being concerned with high-molecular polymers having increased water resistance (D1) or being not water-soluble (D2).”

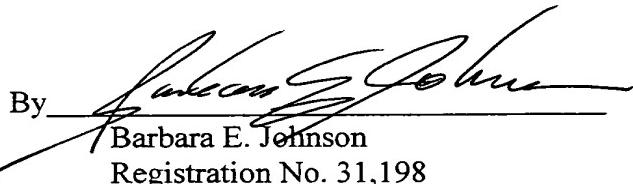
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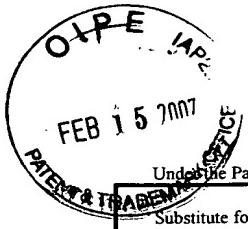
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